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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

1. At its 17th meeting, on 8 October, the Committee considered section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Discussion

2. A number of delegations expressed the view that the proposals for increases in staffing, consultant funds, travel, and in other expenditure items were not justified programmatically. In particular, several delegations questioned the need for the creation of a separate office, headed by an Under-Secretary-General, to manage and coordinate the activities relating to the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Organization, and asked whether those activities could be undertaken within the Department of Public Information without the need for additional resources. Some delegations questioned the justification for downgrading the post of Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the Board of External Auditors.

Conclusions and recommendations

3. The Committee noted with regret that the narrative of the section had not been formulated in accordance with the requirements of the prototype of the budget.

4. The Committee noted that the policy-making organs and offices included in section 1 were not within the framework of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997.

5. The Committee noted that the sessions of the Fifth Committee had increased considerably in number and duration over the last few years. However, the Secretariat unit serving the Fifth Committee and CPC had not been strengthened accordingly. It recommended that the joint CPC/Fifth Committee Secretariat unit be reinforced adequately through the redeployment of resources.

6. The Committee considered that activities related to the Department of Public Information should be met from within the programme and resources for that Department.

7. The Committee took note of section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.